

New Mexico Interagency Coordination Group Charter

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Purpose of the Group:

To facilitate integration of interagency and intertribal planning and implementation of the National Fire Plan within the State of New Mexico.

Specific Actions:

- Facilitate resolution of interagency issues that may arise, such as conflicting priorities between the various agencies and tribes at the State-wide level, or shortages of resources including personnel and equipment;
- Identify efficient and effective processes or create new ways of doing business that the field and local communities can benefit from;
- Encourage the agencies to “speak with one voice” about group efforts by assisting in the coordination of public information and education efforts;
- Identify (through information sharing), any ongoing or potential duplication of efforts, and resolve them through negotiation;
- Keep political entities and executive level apprised of progress on local projects;
- Share information on a regular basis about agency and tribal activities and processes that might impact or impede collaborative, single-vision actions in the implementation of the National Fire Plan implementation in New Mexico;
- Assist with the implementation of recommendations from the New Mexico Fire Planning Task Force;
- Assist in interagency Smoke Coordination;
- Provide interagency input into the coordination of the Rural Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance programs;
- Facilitate interagency cooperation while planning and implementing fuel reduction projects.

Membership and Authority:

All Federal and State agencies and Tribal entities who have jurisdictional responsibilities in the implementation of the National Fire Plan, and who wish to facilitate resolution of issues at the Statewide level.

Each agency/entity will appoint a member to the coordination group, who should send a representative to meetings when they are unable to attend.

The New Mexico Interagency Coordination Group will meet as determined by members. The Chair will be held for two years with a rotation occurring in January of odd number years. Chair rotation will be as follows: Forest Service, NM State, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service. The Chair is responsible for convening Group meetings and preparing any records and reports.

The Vice-chair will be the agency representative following the Chair on the membership list above and will fulfill the duties of the Chair as needed. The Vice-Chair will advance to the Chair at the conclusion of the Chair's term in office.

The group will report to the Southwest Coordination Group (SWCG) that serves as a focus group for the Southwest Strategy REC group. The SWCG Chair will report to REC group as needed.

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